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decreases toward a groove bottom of the main slant groove is arranged between the rib-shaped main land part and the main slant groove.

9. (Amended) A pneumatic tire according to claim 6, wherein a circumferential fine groove extending substantially in parallel to the equatorial plane is arranged at a boundary between the first slant land part and the second slant land part, wherein:

said circumferential fine groove has a sectional shape such that a groove width becomes wide at a position of the groove bottom and becomes narrow at a position of a ground contact face of the tread portion.

11. (Amended) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein an angle between the ground contact face of the rib-shaped main land part and the slope of the first auxiliary land part is within a range of 135-170°, respectively.

## Please add the following new claims:

12. (New) A pneumatic tire according to claim 8, wherein an angle between the ground contact face of the first slant land part and the slope of the second auxiliary land part is within a range of 135-170°, respectively.

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13. (New) A pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein an angle between the ground contact face of the first joint part and the slope of the third auxiliary land part is within a range of 135-170°, respectively.

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